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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** State Board of Education

**From:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

**Subject:** Adoption of Resolution Regarding National Science Teachers Association 50th Anniversary

Attached is a resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the National Science Teachers Association.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 12, 2003, Regarding National Science Teachers Association 50th Anniversary.

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# Michigan Science Teachers Association

WHEREAS, the first organizational meeting of the Michigan Science Teachers Association was held on April 26, 1953 at St. Mary's Lake, under the direction of Dr. George Mallinson; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Science Teachers Association, as a State Chapter of the National Science Teachers Association and its 15-affiliate/associate members, has grown to be the largest science organization of its kind in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, since its first meeting the Michigan Science Teachers Association's mission has been to stimulate, support, and provide leadership for the improvement of science education throughout Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Science Teachers Association has been a long time supporter of State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education efforts to improve how teachers teach and how students learn; and

WHEREAS, from the original Michigan Science Standards to the support and development of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, throughout the years the Michigan Science Teachers Association and its membership has been a willing partner; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Science Teachers Association's involvement in long-range planning to improve science education in the 1980's led to many of the statewide initiatives of today, including Building a Presence for Science that focus on teacher leadership and the improvement of science achievement for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Science Teachers Association is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its 2003 annual conference in Grand Rapids to be held on March 13-15, 2003; and

WHEREAS, this years conference theme, *50 Years of Change: A Legacy for the Future*, reflects the Michigan Science Teachers Association's vision which in part states, "...to help the students of Michigan to become scientifically literate caring citizens now, and in the future"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports the efforts of the Michigan Science Teachers Association and congratulates the Association on its 50 years of dedication to provide guidance for the improvement of science education in the state.